

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 2 and 3 have been amended and claim 1 has been canceled. Applicant respectfully responds to this Office Action.

***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103***

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeClerck (U.S. Patent No. 5,515,375). Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot because Claim 1 is canceled and claim 2 is made dependent on Claim 3, which is believed to be allowable in its amended form.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

***Claim Rejections***

Claim 3 is objected as being dependent on a rejected claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 3 to include all the limitations of its base claim (claim 1), in independent form.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

**Specification**

Applicant provides herewith amendments to the specification. The amendments to the specification are made by presenting marked up replacement paragraphs which identify changes made relative to the immediate prior version.

The changes made are primarily typographical or grammatical in nature, or involve minor clarifications of awkward wordings. Applicant believes these changes add no new matter to the application and are fully supported by the original disclosure.

## REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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